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Toc H is a movement of people who seek to build friendships, and offer service, across the barriers that usually divide us from one another. The basic unit is a group - at best a good cross-section of the local neighbourhood - which meets together regularly, and seeks to serve the community around it. Toc H was founded in 1915 by the Revd P B 'Tubby' Clayton, and since then has been providing opportunities for people to test the Christian way by practical experiment.

All members pledge themselves to try:

1. To welcome all in friendship and lessen by habit of thought, word and deed the prejudices which separate people.
2. To give personal service.
3. To find their own convictions while listening with respect to the views of others.
4. To acknowledge the spiritual nature of man and to test the Christian way by trying it.

This magazine is a forum for ideas about Toc H and about the world as well as a record of Toc H service. Its title derives from the third of these Four Points.

## I Have a Dream

Do you remember Martin Luther King's famous speech which began with the words, 'I have a dream'? I would like to tell you about my dream. It is a dream for Toc H.

In my dream I am inundated with 'phone calls from national newspapers, which are clamouring for details about our latest initiatives in tackling poverty and unemployment. It is with considerable pride that I tell them about our work. And it is the year 1993.

I have a dream that Toc H is back in the forefront of humanitarian issues. We are tackling that great 20th-century disease, loneliness, from which spreads so many other human problems. Like fear. We have shown that we are not afraid as a Movement and we have got back our self-respect. We have confronted issues that affect the very fabric of our lives. We work with the homeless, we are concerned about family breakdown, the total despair of unemployment, boredom, drugs and alcohol misuse. We have dared to challenge time-honoured procedures, like the value of custodial sentencing. We think it increases crime and adds to the sum of human misery. And it is the year 1993.

I have a dream. In my dream the leader of our Movement is on the streets working with teenage joyriders, not pontificating from a distance. And it is the year 1993.

I dream that the South Staffs and Wulfrun District have raised all the money for their outstanding and ambitious project for blind and disabled people in Staffordshire's Cannock Chase. They wanted to raise £100,000 over a five-year period. They have achieved it through their strength

and vision. Sponsors have been attracted by the District's energy and determination, like iron filings to magnets. The Forestry Commission have provided all the wood for the tapping rails and board walks for the project's Nature Trails free of charge. And it is the year 1993.

I have a dream that each of the Regions has united the branches in its area through inspiring pieces of work. This has drawn so much publicity to Toc H that people are queueing up to join. They have discovered that the strongest men in the world are those that stand united with their fellow men. And it is the year 1993.

I have a dream. I have a dream that a Movement called Toc H has broken down barriers between all manner of people through working and enjoying life together. It is called sharing. It is not the same as the Toc H that grew from the pain of those victims of propaganda and 'bully boys' in the Great War. Because in my dream it is no longer 1918 but 1993. And our lost children look on us and smile - a broad grin on hundreds of thousands of approving faces.

I have a dream that there is no more bullying, no more intimidation, no more fear. No more divide and rule. No more veiled threats.

In my dream the human race has learned to love widely, to build bravely, to think fairly and to witness humbly. When I ring a newspaper and say, 'This is Toc H', the response is 'Ah, Toc H! What cause are you championing now?' Because there is a very long list....

*Ruth Boyd*

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**Cover:** Helen Ellison says 'Happy Birthday' to Alison - West Essex District Camp, Mundesley Centre, Norfolk

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### BRANCH NEWS

We would like to receive more news from branches about their work in the community, such as individual projects.



## A New Financial Year

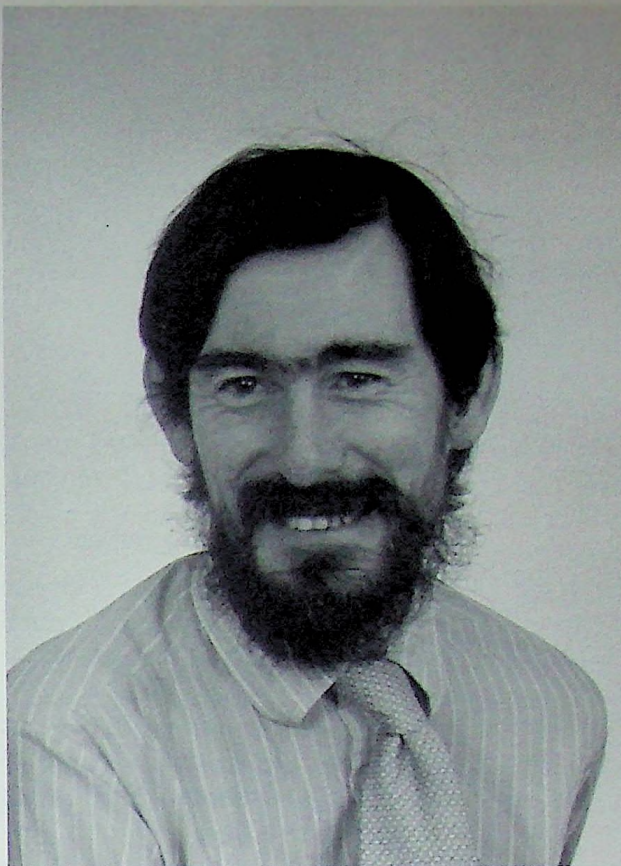
For Toc H, as for all other groups and individuals that must account for their funds, April marks the start of the 'New Year'. It is a particularly busy period for us in the Finance Department at Headquarters. From this time onwards, a great deal of work goes into compiling the figures that will result in the completed National Accounts presented to Central Council in November. And this is in addition to our normal workload of receiving funds, making payments and reporting to the numerous branches which are interested in the financial affairs of the Movement.

Branch, District and Regional Treasurers will, of course, be aware that accounts can be prepared only at the end of a financial year. As these deadlines approach, one can detect a sense of pressure in even the calmest and coolest of finance officers. Certainly the department at Headquarters is no exception. We must ensure that we have all certificates, invoices, statements and other relevant records, and prepare the actual figures from them, before the annual audit takes place in June.

What is my role as Finance Administrator? I am responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Finance Department, as well as for servicing the Finance and Properties subCommittee, which is chaired by the Hon. Treasurer Gerry Conibeer. The role includes quite various activities - which is why you may find me attending a seminar on financial management for charities one day, and analysing reports from our two investment brokers the next. At Central Council, you will find me supporting the Honorary Treasurer as well as reimbursing the Councillors for their travelling expenses.

I also attend the annual Treasurers' Conference, normally held at Alison House in February or March. This year we debated the Toc H UK budget (a regular feature) and discussed a number of branch matters - bank charges on current accounts, local fundraising, etc. Capitation fees and Deed of Covenant gifts were also debated, matters which arose at last year's Central Council.

However, the main debate within the Movement is, of course, the annual deficit which each year eats a little more into the capital fund. This is likely to remain an issue, so long as our activities continue at their present levels. No other course is open to the Movement if funding is not found for every penny we spend.



It is also ironic, in this time of recession, that when the need for funds is greatest, they are least available. The effects of our spending on the capital fund can be minimised only by prudent use of existing resources and by our making the most of capital growth in the stock and property markets. I see my own role as being not only a steward of the national funds - ensuring that value for money is obtained on them - but also as an advisor to others in the Movement, helping them to identify the best ways to manage local funds.

I hope that recent improvements in the way information is processed in the Finance Department will make it easier for me to spend more time getting involved with the wider issues of financial management. And I hope that any member who is concerned about matters relating to accounts will please write to me at Headquarters; I'll try to help, if I can, in any way possible.

The year ahead may see a number of changes in the UK - entry into the single European market, a possible change in Government and perhaps an end to the recession - which will affect Toc H to a greater or lesser degree. The changes must be monitored with care, to maximise the benefits and minimise whatever problems may arise for the Movement.

**Peter MacKay**  
*Finance Administrator*



# TO BUILD BRAVELY



**Faced with ever-declining membership, two years ago South Staffs and Wulfrun District decided that they had to act to increase their numbers before they reached the point of no return. For this purpose they started an ambitious project well outside their own financial and manpower resources. It will take five years to complete and will provide a facility which will benefit all nature lovers using it.**

Each year hundreds of people visit Brindley Valley on Cannock Chase, attracted by its variety of natural beauty. This is a pleasure denied the disabled, because of the steep uneven tracks and rugged terrain. The district has commissioned an architect to draw plans for a series of trails in the valley for people with special needs, especially the blind and those with impaired mobility. The plans include extras to enhance their experience and yet remain sympathetic to the environment.



During two years of planning, environmental and special needs agencies have been widely consulted. They have given valuable advice and support and several have pledged or given grant aid. The list of people showing interest and volunteering is rapidly growing. A Public Awareness Day, held in Wolverhampton's main shopping precinct, launched a publicity campaign. Members from seven branches and volunteers took part. Eighteen new volunteers were recruited and three pledges of financial support were given - one of which could amount to £3,000. A similar event is planned for Rugeley and possibly a third in Cannock before work on the project begins in April.



Meanwhile traditional Toc H life continues. There is a monthly District Pub Lunch and at least four other District gatherings each year. Branch projects include an annual camp for needy children, work with the housebound, recruiting blood donors, running a hospital library, supporting the homeless, taking 'pat dogs' to homes for the aged where residents miss their own pets, and a creche for special needs children. These ongoing jobs are threatened with extinction without new growth in membership.

Like so many Districts, South Staffs and Wulfrun have reached a do or die situation. They have the courage to act and determination to succeed because their survival depends on it. They know that low-key projects, however valuable, cannot produce the large swift injection of new blood needed to preserve the fundamental beliefs and ideals the family of Toc H hold so dear. Through the Brindley Valley project, they aim to make Toc H once again a household name, boost existing branches and create new groups. Please pray for their success as they endeavour to Build Bravely.



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# A Garden Design Weekend at Alison House

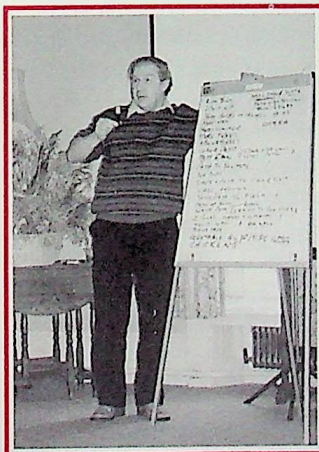
Alison House is rapidly taking on a new look. The editor was the first person to see the splendid changes when she dropped in on Bill and Dorothy Pepper one weekend in March. The new look dining room really is worth a visit - it is quite outstanding - very '5-Star'! The bedrooms have also had an overhaul and there is a distinct flavour of luxury seeping into the building. Naomi's marvellous cooking adds to a remarkably relaxed and comfortable atmosphere.



*Bill and Dorothy Pepper - the perfect hosts.*

The Peppers started the new season with panache by organising a Garden Design Weekend with well known BBC garden designer and landscaper, Ray Bailey. Seventeen people joined Ray for a very stimulating weekend. Just imagine the energy of all those gardening enthusiasts and the shrills of delight at the hundreds of slides he produced, showing rare or unusual hardy garden plants. Even more impressive were the before and after slides of gardens which Ray had redesigned. He was a joy for lawn-haters, as he would take a dull rectangle of grass and transform it into a haven for wildlife and nature with minimum upkeep.

He is very conscious of limited budgets and makes an



*Ray Bailey - BBC Garden Expert and an outstanding guide for the gardening enthusiast.*

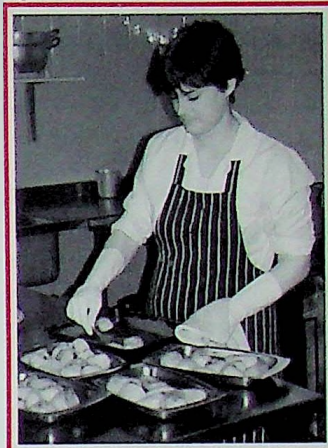
ingenious use of roofing battens and bark to create paths. A couple of hours digging, a pond liner plus a few plants and some gravel, and this whizz can create an oasis in a desert!

Sometimes the very obvious needs stating, and Ray's main hints were the more effective because of their simplicity. When you think about it, it is rather obvious that concentrating on one area at a time produces a more dramatic



effect. Also buying quite a lot of plants instead of a thrifty sprinkle produces a rather better look! Just think of what you pay for a carpet and compare the price with what you spend on your garden - often a much bigger area!

There were ideas for building borders, rockeries, the best climbers for covering walls in all directions, trellises to hide eyesores and to create interest, hidden corners, plants and bulbs for all seasons - it was sheer bliss. The only drawback was the fact that Ray produced a huge supply of tempting and unusual plants and they went into cars by the bootload - so that what was a very reasonably priced weekend, with delicious food and delightful company, became a trifle more expensive because of the greedy soak-up of the plants!



*Naomi dishes up Sunday Lunch at Alison House.*

One of the sessions involved designing a new look for the gardens of Alison House. Ray is planning a weekend this year for garden enthusiasts to help with his stunning design for this Dower House, which is set in the most beautiful Derbyshire countryside.



*Gardeners plan the new look for the gardens of Alison House.*

Write to Bill Pepper for further details: Alison House, Intake Lane, Cromford, Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 3RH. Tel: 0629 822316

**Bill would like to encourage more Toc H involvement with Alison House.**



# Toc H 2000

In the first of a new series which gives members the chance to air their views about Toc H and its future, George Davis, Central Councillor, a member of Newbury Branch and former Administrator of Toc H, recently spoke to Ruth Boyd at his lovely Berkshire home.

*Ruth: You have a vast experience of Toc H, George, and I see you as one of the most energetic and vocal members of the Movement! It therefore seems very appropriate to ask you to begin this new series. How do you see Toc H developing? Where will it be in the year 2000?*

George: If Toc H continues on its present course, I do not think we will be able to attract a significant growth in membership by the year 2000. We need to be doing more appealing work at a national level to get ourselves more widely known. It is very naive to think that we can just publicise Toc H and get people to join without offering something positive. Focusing on specific issues or problems in today's world would certainly help. People do care and would like to see things changed.

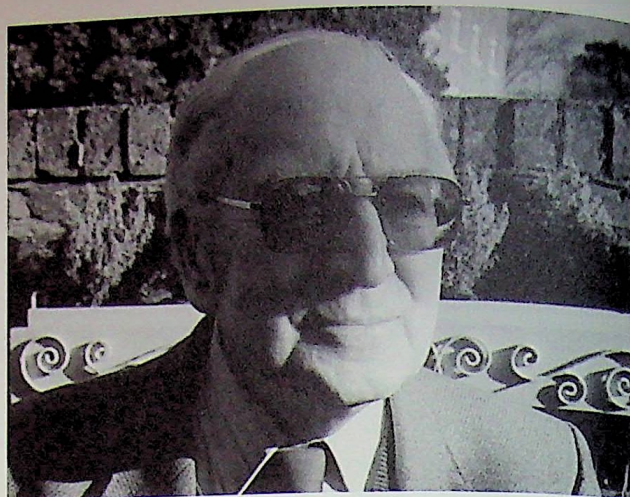
The main attraction for me, when I first joined in Madras, was the breadth of membership. I was 22 and there were high powered businessmen, a chief secretary to the Government, a leading lawyer in the town and several clergymen, including the Bishop of Madras. But the majority of members were between the ages of 22 and 30 and this mixture attracted me.

The other appeal was that my father was in the Front Line in Poperinge and Ypres for the whole of the First World War. He helped Tubby at Talbot House. I came home from India in 1934, and my father became a member of Toc H straight away. I saw the difference the war had made to him. For a period it coarsened him. I felt I owed something to that generation. They had made life possible for me. I had a sense of a debt to pay, and Toc H fulfilled that need.

*R: Do you feel that it was a debt you owed to society for sparing your father's life, or a debt to the people who had died?*

G: Both. I was old enough to realise what it was like. I was eight or nine and remember my mother's feelings. I remember him coming back on leave; he was there with us and then had to go back.

*R: I think it is one of the inheritances of this century, the guilt and burden and sense of loss of the Great War. It is something that will never die. More people died in that war than the sum of all the wars ever fought before or since. It was the most total waste of life. I think the legacy of that enormous waste made people cynical for a while, but it also broke down the passive acceptance of what governments could do and what could be done in the name of your country. I think people have questioned more since that time.*



G: Toc H was born out of all that. It used to be very influential. For example, I got to know a man in Madras who was condemned to death and I knew it was a 'frame-up'. I saw him the day before he was going to be hung and phoned a Toc H member, a Queen's Counsellor, and told him the story. He contacted the Governor, and the execution was postponed. There was a retrial, and the man later served a term of imprisonment for allowing himself to become the 'fall-guy'. That was the level at which Toc H was able to operate. We could still be very influential but we lack leadership at the top. I do know what I am talking about. I have been a director of 17 companies in my time, seven of which I founded myself.

I worked for Tubby, I knew Tubby's relationship with directors of important companies. For example, he went to see the director of BP and ended up on a tanker as Chaplain to the Fleet in the Persian Gulf. That's the kind of thing that happened. We need someone of that calibre again.

*R: You feel that Toc H has lost its dynamism and the ability to operate influentially to change things?*

G: Yes. It has got into a state of inertia, and that is down to a lack of leadership. I am not criticising the present director; it is not his fault that he is hampered by bureaucracy. I would like to see Toc H in the year 2000 with one leader, a magnetic personality who stirs the world up. Toc H has become very bureaucratic. If we got the right person, it would be someone with one particular cause to be enthusiastic about. Something of public concern that affected the whole country. Each branch, each member, would know that this was something that Toc H was crusading for. It would raise morale immediately. Toc H is too fragmented at the moment. The only work the Movement has in common at the moment is trying to get local projects going. This is fine, but it isn't getting us anywhere. The projects don't link up with Toc H as a Movement. They are not addressing issues that draw attention to us.

*R: So we are not a very cohesive unit. But has Toc H ever been? You have talked to me about people who have a lot of energy and enthusiasm; people who get things done. I think you are saying that the 'doers' are missing. Do you think Toc H lacks the energy and enthusiasm to stir people up?*



G: That is exactly what I am saying. The traditional way of getting people to join Toc H was to see a job that needed doing and then to look around for people to help you do that job. Not necessarily for Toc H, but because the job needed doing. From there it was easy to reciprocate fellowship and help, and that led to people wishing to belong. This of course was the vital role of the Jobmaster. We seem to have lost this emphasis. The Jobmaster was a crucial link.

*R: Do you think that, in order to expand Toc H, we need to start new branches rather than expect young people in their 20s to join a branch where the members might all be over 70? Do you think you will ever get young and old working together again?*

G: I would try to encourage young people to form their own branches, but to forge links with the established branches. They can learn a lot from the older people. But I wouldn't dismiss out of hand a mixture of ages. In my early branch experience the age spread was between 20 and 60.

*R: How would you encourage young people to join?*

G: I would get them involved in things that interested them, as simple as that! I think we could get young people through the churches. Asking for help has always been a successful approach. I don't think you can divide Toc H from Christianity. I think we ought to be a bit more honest to young people about the fact that we are fundamentally a Christian organisation. It has always been a part of my conviction about Toc H, but not the strongest part. The society in which we live longs for inspiring leadership. Someone to look up to. Someone with the right qualities could completely transform Toc H. It has all the ingredients but no binding agent. Having lived with Tubby, I know that nothing stopped him. He didn't worry about treading on peoples' corns. When, like me, you get to the age of 84, you realise that, if you want to make an impression, you have got to act very quickly. If something needs doing, do it right away. The 'stand up and be counted' quality is very lacking in Toc H today. People are not brave enough. There is no current of energy or adrenalin running through it.

It's apathy more than anything else. My own motivation is that I want to do something, so I tend to kick against the rails. If you have got a cause and something that you very much believe in, it keeps you going.

*R: You think that Toc H has got a place in modern society?*

G: Definitely. In some ways it has got more of a place today. I think the Fourth Point is an essential part. It becomes more important as you get older. What brings people together is having a common interest. It is through working together that Toc H becomes meaningful. We need to create a feeling that Toc H as a Movement is working towards a common cause. This cause has got to be something that appeals to people's sense of injustice. People feel better if they are doing something worthwhile.

*R: Would you change the name in order to relaunch the Movement? Do you think the name has outlived itself? Does it mean anything to potential members? With the addition of one vowel, for example, we could turn it into TOUCH.*

G: I wouldn't be against that. TOUCH is quite a plausible name because it does have a meaning, but I would see the change coming more with a change in leadership. I want someone to take Toc H on, give it a shake and run it as a national Movement. I look forward to that. I do not want a leader who is subject to a lot of control from committees.

*R: So you really want someone who can run the ship himself?*

G: Yes - or herself! When I took over as Administrator, I took over under the old Royal Charter and every staff member of Toc H was responsible to me personally, except Padres. People become inert when they are run by committees. We have become a bit mediocre. I could imagine having a director who also has a business appointment or combines working with Toc H with another cause. Toc H needs wider contact with the outside world!

*R: What is Toc H then?*

G: I think it is an appreciation of a fellowship of people from different backgrounds who have joined up to do the same thing. The motive isn't to put into practice any high flown ideals, although that can come through the experience of Toc H. The appeal that we have to concentrate on is fellowship in work together. I have never experienced anyone coming into Toc H who was antagonistic towards the Christian faith. They could be agnostic but never antagonistic. Many people become Christians through Toc H, but it is not the object.

*R: You asked Angus Ogilvy to become Vice Patron and saw him once a week for four years. You said that he was very actively involved and interested in what was going on, but that he ultimately felt that Toc H needed to relaunch itself. And this was in the late 1960s. He felt that Toc H needed to have an Executive President of the calibre of the late Earl Mountbatten in order to regenerate interest and influence.*

G: Yes, and to make Toc H a national Movement again. As a national Movement we stopped in the 1960s, or even earlier. So, in relaunching Toc H, we have to examine very carefully what it is we can offer people. We have to recognise that whoever comes in to run Toc H has got to be as much of an individual as Tubby was. The person may have a slightly different slant on the way Toc H operates, but I think we would be prepared to accept that, providing it doesn't get away from the Four Points of the Compass and the basis of the Main Resolution.



# Why Toc H?

*Ruth Boyd recently interviewed Ian Moore, a community policeman based in Bristol, to find out why he joined Toc H. Ian believes that Toc H should get involved with contemporary, difficult issues - what used to be called Frontier work .*

'I've been a signed-up member of Toc H for nine months and been involved with the Movement for over four years. I came across Development Officer David Harrison through the Bristol Youth Initiative Team which deals with youngsters in the Inner City from the age of seven up to 24 - it's a large age group. David came to me because he wanted to contact young people through my work and to find recruits for the initial Lee Abbey Project. I went on it myself, which I don't think was part of his original plan.

I'm a community policeman. I don't have to wear uniform except on very rare occasions. I wear a tracksuit for work. I only use a uniform for occasions like funerals and things like that. But I did eight years in uniform and I see myself in the police force. It's a career I suppose, but I don't think the promotional ladder is necessarily the right way for me. I don't see myself as an Inspector or anything. That is a rat race that I don't want to be in. I enjoy the job that I am doing, particularly at the moment, and I don't see any need for me to try and do anything else. The money gets you by.

I became a beat officer in Barton Hill, the inner city area in Bristol, quite a tough council area, high-rise flats, that sort of thing. One of my jobs as a beat man was to go into schools and speak to the kids. I enjoyed that, so I put in to do a school's liaison course with a view to knowing what I was doing when I went to the schools. I did the course and as a result I was recommended to work with kids. An opportunity came up on the Youth Team and that has been my job for the last four years - mainly based in the St Paul's area.

The job is entirely working with young people. I work closely with another policeman - my partner in the force - George. He's not a member of Toc H yet, but I think he will be in time. I don't think it is right for him at the moment. We work as community policemen with charities like the Prince's Trust, lots of stuff with local youth groups and that kind of thing.

We tend to do a lot more hours in our department than we get paid for. I suppose you could call it a vocation. We work 70 to 80 hours a week - but we don't get paid any extra for it. They have just ripped up the overtime files - they owe me about 700 hours time off and they have torn that up. That's life!

I do what I am doing more for the kids and for the community than for the police force. It's a very difficult job. If you can imagine.... The police do try and do a professional job, it's



just that .... if you can imagine a bloke driving around in the inner city areas of England, walking about and he is getting bricks and bottles chucked at him, then he does become pretty p—— off with the whole thing. It's very difficult for that policeman when he's getting that day in, day out. It's difficult to look at the good things that are happening. In circumstances like that you're nobody's friend. It can be really tough out on the streets. I have been there. In fact someone tried to run me down last week. I was in an unmarked police car that was recognised. They tried to ram it. I drove out of the way pretty quick.

But in general you tend to get complacent. I am fairly well known in the area. I am accepted because I wear this track suit and drive my own car or the St Jude's football team van. As soon as you drive around in an unmarked police car the whole scenario changes, which is a terrible shame. There will always be people who see a police car as a threat.

I like the idea of Toc H Cameos but it's not unique work. It's something we do anyway. Taking youngsters from the inner city to YHA buildings. Free accommodation. That's very Cameo linked.



I joined Toc H last summer, someone who has become a member through Toc H projects. But I don't think that membership is the be all and end all. I think too much emphasis is laid upon it. Toc H is actually about how you can affect peoples' lives. I mean, what is a bit of paper at the end of the day? I think we could easily go round to all people who have been on projects and say, "Here, be a member". And they would. But the time has got to be right for the individual. Alec (see main photo, December's 'Serious Conflict' article) is a good example. He felt it was right for him to join, and that's great, but he'd been on a Project Leadership training and two cameos by then.

Toc H itself is a bit of a paradox. The whole set-up is just .... 'anything is healthy if there are lots of different viewpoints'. But I think there is a tendency within Toc H to be too dogmatic about certain things. Like the attitude that membership is the be all and end all - and it is not. Membership is unimportant really, providing the work is being done and has been done in the name of Toc H.

Toc H is a wonderful thing providing people stick to what it's really all about. For me, it is about understanding different people, not necessarily agreeing with different people but just being able to go along with their thoughts - even though they might not be your own. Perhaps having a degree of empathy with other people, through whatever reason, just by working together and all that kind of thing. That is really important. I mean, there is so much trouble in the world as a result of people having conflicting opinions.

## NEWS FROM TOC H, AUSTRALIA

Harold Clay, Chairman Toc H Australia, has written to express his delight that Queensland has been granted money from the Overseas Development Fund for their Townsville Celebrations.

Harold and his wife Esther will arrive in Townsville on 28 April, having travelled alongside the trans-Australian railway line from Kalgoorlie to Woomera, then up the 'Birdsville Track' on to Boulia, across to Winton (the home of Waltzing Matilda), to Hughenden and finally to Townsville. This route is some 4600 km, as compared to 5800 km by normal bitumen roads.

'When we leave Kalgoorlie, there is no service station for 1300 km until we reach Tarcoola. I have had to make special arrangements for petrol to be laid on at Rawlinna and Cook, railway worker settlements alongside the track. Petrol has to be brought in on the 'sugar train', which brings supplies to these small places. Needless to say we have been offered overnight accommodation at these places. Visitors are rare, since no 'normal' people venture out there except on the trains and they don't get off.

There is a reasonable dirt road to Rawlinna, but from there

And there is nothing wrong with conflicting opinions providing you can accept them.

Religion itself is a paradox. It creates more problems than anything else. You can cope with different religions providing you are prepared to be tolerant, but the problems arise when people are so dogmatic about what they want that nothing else counts. One of the things about Toc H is the fact that although it is a Christian-based organisation you don't have to be a Christian to be a member. I think that is an important distinction. I know there are people within Toc H who would disagree, but I think the Fourth Point is about having an open mind.

Most of the Toc H meetings I go to are in my own time, but if a project is part-funded by the police - as the Belgian ones have been - then, great, I can do that in work time. I was given work time for Lee Abbey last year because it is similar to projects that I do through work.

As a group of Bristol members we meet up at least one evening a month and usually twice. We spend time trying to develop Cameo work. I'm also a member of the Avon Projects Support Group. Mandy, who went on most of the Toc H projects at the same time as me, joined when I did. We are members of the District Branch.

It has been very difficult for me that David Harrison has been relocated to Cardiff. I just can't understand that. For a person who has recently joined the organisation, I find it hard to take. David's done so much....' ■

on it's just a dirt track suitable only for four-wheel drives. The Birdsville Track gained some notoriety some 20 years ago when an English family broke down, left their vehicle and perished. Today the track has been improved, but, like all outback roads, must never be taken lightly.

We will be carrying extra spare tyres and tubes, extra fuel and 15 litres of water each. We will also be carrying 100 feet of rope and shackles, just in case. My vehicle is already fitted with an AM/SSB CB radio, but for this run we will hire a UHF radio from the Royal Flying Doctor Service. One thing you learn in this country is, if you want to live, you just don't take chances. We'll be carrying a shovel, pick and an extra good set of tools. We also notify people along the way, where we are going, when we expect to get there and we tell someone when we arrive so that they can report back (this is usually the police). We always have to check on road and weather conditions, again with the police; a bit different to what you are used to, no doubt.

When we leave Townsville we will spend a week or so in Brisbane and make our way, again across country, to Adelaide for the Council Meeting. We always visit at least one branch while in Adelaide and usually attend an area meeting. From Adelaide it's a mere two days (2700 km) to home. Around 12000 km in eight weeks - we shall need a holiday after that little lot!!' ■



# Your Letters

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## Trendy Abuses

I think it's a downright shame when a very human and caring Movement like Toc H joins the trendy folk who seem to have taken an almost paranoid interest in semantics. Being interested in 'equal opportunities' and having the urge to be 'politically correct', whatever that means, is all very laudable I'm sure, but do we have to mutilate the English language en route?

To be specific, I notice that dreadful word 'Chairer' creeping into Toc H. Whoever thought that one up? Certainly no lover of the English language! I can understand that some women might not wish to be addressed as 'Chairman', but what is wrong with the use of 'Chairwoman'? Does Toc H have to get caught up in this trendy dilution of our common tongue, which is set to make our vocabulary vague and meaningless?

Perhaps I might give an example of what I mean: To say 'I saw a person walking down the street' is disinfected 'politically correct' English which would give offence to no one (unless I've missed out on one of the latest 'isms'!). But to say 'I saw an old black lady hobbling down the street' would cause some of our language trendies to throw up their hands in absolute horror and to declare it to be racist, sexist, ageist and handicappedist. But is there any doubt as to which statement creates an accurate picture?

I think Toc H Headquarters would do well to reconsider its active support of this debilitation of the English language, resist the urges of pressure groups and, instead, spend more time consulting the Oxford Dictionary.

In reply to an earlier letter of mine, Yvette Frymann states that the Book of Common Prayer is 'occasionally hurtful to women'. I think it rather sad that hurt should be taken where none is given. She quotes the passage 'for us men and for our salvation, Christ came down from heaven...' and assumes this only applies to half the human race because of the use of the word 'men'. If we look up that word in the Oxford Dictionary, the first meaning given is 'human being'. Women are human beings and women are therefore included in the quoted passage; there is no need for them to feel left out.

One of the points of the Toc H Compass is 'To think fairly'. Surely thinking accurately would help in this and, as I hope I have shown above, greater consultation of a dictionary and less of *Cosmopolitan* and *Adam's Rib* would ease or even take away the hurt which is felt by many women today.

David Hughes  
Newport, Gwent

## A Bureaucratic Movement

Some views expressed in the March issue of *Point three* - on increasing bureaucracy and declining membership - I have heard echoed throughout this region. Extra bureaucracy serves only to irritate members who are already concerned about declining membership.

It is argued that, in our Movement's early days, rules were obeyed or Guardians of the Lamp closed offending branches. But that has little relevance today when there are so many alternative ways for people to spend their free time.

Toc H, by its very ideals, will create diversity. How branches and groups organise themselves is bound to differ from area to area. As long as branches meet legal requirements and name a correspondent for administrative purposes, what is wrong with units working in a way most suited to their members? We have an accepted structure which, if operated properly, should iron out the areas of concern which are causing increasing bureaucracy. Districts oversee branches. If districts are ineffective, then the region steps in. This in turn puts the onus on Central Councillors, who are members of our governing body. There should be enough safeguards in this structure without the need to resort to constant policy changes, which cost time and money.

Bureaucracy is not needed, encouragement is. We must rid ourselves of apathy, pessimism and parochialism and replace them with enthusiasm, optimism and openness. The future of Toc H lies in the hands of its members. If they are unwilling to stretch themselves enough to attract more people, there is little hope of our reaching our Centenary. All sorts of efforts were made to celebrate our 75th birthday. If members put that amount of energy into initiating development, we would move forward.

We cannot sit back and expect staff to do the job for us. Alone they can only scratch the surface. Development must be membership-based. People normally first contact us with a narrow objective. Some seek fellowship while others wish to serve. Learning by example, these people gradually evolve until Toc H in its truest form becomes a way of life for them. Without membership input this evolution cannot take place. We cannot only rely on staff initiative. There are many areas which have no staff teams. In areas where staff teams are based, it is essential that a membership and staff partnership be established.

Local members must be consulted on team targets, which should reflect local needs, the special gifts of development officers for specific areas of work and membership views. Otherwise any partnership is doomed to failure.

Growth must be high on every Toc H agenda and programme. Nothing should be done centrally which hampers this. Does it really matter if three life-long members wish to meet regularly, light their lamps and enjoy fellowship while they are still able? Or that some branches prefer to share certain officers' roles in rotation or collectively? What really matters is that still active members are encouraged by the CEC, principal officers and staff to join them in pulling together. Let us have less obstruction and more construction. United we can go forward, divided we will slide further towards oblivion.

Chris Williams  
Chairman, W Midlands and S Wales Region



## A World-Wide Movement

I read with interest the February *Point three* article about the Toc H Australian sponsorship and Ken Prideaux-Brune's purposeful excursion to New York.

I am interested in another connection in world-wide friendship links. I wondered if one number of *Point three* could go mainly international, reporting across the board, if necessarily briefly, on Toc H centres of activity in the world.

While we are remembering Southern Africa and Australia, what is happening in India, for instance? Is there still a branch/group in Hong Kong, to which I belonged in the '60s? Maybe an expanded report on World Chain of Light might provide the material.

It has occurred to me that a Toc H way of life may be much needed in Europe (apart from the Forces canteens in Germany and, of course, Talbot House). In eastern Europe even more so. I am going to Budapest in late May.

Have we lone members in any such countries who would be willing to start a small group?

The Development Fund is only a reaction to what Toc H is already doing in other countries. Perhaps we should be continually thinking (in a now smaller world) of breaking fresh ground so that the worthwhile way of life which is at the heart of Toc H can help people in much greater distress (spiritually as well as physically) than ourselves.

*Larry Holt-Kentwell*  
Oxford

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## Membership and Titles

This is my response to John Morgan's thoughts on membership in the February issue of *Point three*. Has he not heard of district membership? Before this category was introduced I believe that people leaving branch membership did become Builders. I have always understood that the Builders' scheme was started for those who endorsed the aims and ideals of Toc H and wished to give financial support without commitment to membership.

Following John Mitchell's letter (*Point three*, January) that members will be addressed without titles. I don't like being addressed as just Betty Martin, no doubt from years of 'all my eye' jokes. I shall be inclined to return such letters, endorsed 'Refused, return to sender'.

*Betty Martin (Mrs)*  
Poole

## Friendship Circles and Contracts

I am saddened that the CEC decided not to enter into 'legally enforceable' contracts. I am concerned that the term 'legally enforceable' may have prejudiced the thought of the CEC on the issue rather than allowing free debate on the possibilities that this could hold for Toc H. It seems to me that with the increasing contract culture of local authorities, Toc H is in an ideal position to take advantage of it. Money is being made available, we have a tried and tested model of practice with a structure for support already in place. This could be a real way of putting Toc H back on the map! It also seems a little hypocritical to have agreed circles as one of our four methods, then to turn down a way in which it could really expand and work in communities. Surely we are already partners in several legally binding contracts and these have been entered into willingly. All staff members have contracts, do they not? We must have some formal contract with BAOR?

I would also suggest that the breaking down of barriers is not just a grass roots prerogative of working individuals. If we are in partnership with a local authority, do we not have a responsibility for showing them that there is another way to work WITH people as opposed to seeing them as clients to be catered FOR.

I wish to urge the CEC to reconsider its decision.

*Neal Terry*  
Tyne and Wear

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## Women's National Commission

A Women's National Commission Working Group has been assembled to study the subject of older women. Its deliberations will form the basis of a report which will incorporate recommendations for action and examples of good practice.

Input is welcomed from members of Toc H. You may be able to suggest sources of information, speakers to give evidence, problem areas to address and suggestions for study visits.

The aim is to look at areas where older women are disadvantaged, focusing on their own experience and making recommendations for action. The subjects we intend to cover include: money (pensions/benefits/tax), health/disability/community care (the assistance needed to remain independent), housing/accommodation, leisure, European comparisons and the implications of 1992.

I represent Toc H on the Women's National Commission and am a member of this special Working Group. I will be particularly pleased to receive written comments from members; these can also be sent direct to: The Secretariat, Older Women's Working Group, Women's National Commission, Cabinet Office, Government Offices, Horse Guards Road, London SW1P 3AL.

Thank you in anticipation of your help and I would hope that the finished report will feature in a future issue of *Point three*.

*Mrs Mary Edwards*  
23 Stonehouse Lane, Combe Down  
Bath, Avon BA2 5DW



## Postcard from Germany

It seems ages since anything about what happens over here appeared in *Point three*. Since I arrived here last May, one of my priorities has been to get regular input from Germany. This will start soon and will be the readers' window on our activities. Please peep through it now and again; you may be surprised at what you see.

Our five centres continue to provide a range of services to our soldiers; however, we will soon be down to four because of changes in defence strategy and the withdrawal of troops from the Rhine. Although the changes affect all of us here in the most direct way, we are starting to blossom in other areas. Our first group has formed in Paderborn; another is forming in Berlin. The embryonic German regional headquarters is now in place, and all the staff are working hard to encourage people to join and eventually become members of Toc H. We enrol our first German members in March, the Fuller family, and look forward to many more joining. The Fullers are members of the Paderborn Group and will be presented with their membership by the Director during his visit in March. We shall also be enrolling two more members in Berlin and again the Director will do the honours.

I would need most of *Point three* to bring you up to date on all our activities for the past year, but here are some of the main events:

The Gulf War was a fraught time for everyone in Germany. Every club was affected and, to the credit of our Centre Leaders and Development Officers, they switched very quickly from being trading centres to being havens of peace, meeting places, information centres and a source of comfort to those in need, mainly wives and children of servicemen. I know from talking to many people that the spirit in which the clubs operated during this time would have met with Tubby's approval. So to all critics of our trading, please remember that we don't just sell newspapers and coffee, we are there when the need arises and are still there, offering the same facilities, when the need isn't so apparent.

Our summer projects went off well, and we enjoyed the company, skills and talents of some 72 volunteers from Britain and some 18 from as far apart as Hungary, Romania, America and Germany. We look forward to this year's projects when we hope to involve some Russian volunteers in addition to those who have promised to come again from all points of the compass.



The Pool of Peace was the focus of our attention in November. Together with The Talbot House Association, with assistance from the good citizens of Poperinge, the technical support of 10 Field Squadron Royal Engineers, and Fred Mason from the Paderborn Centre as mastermind, we finally erected the new gates donated by the Toc H Centres in Germany. The photographs show sappers of 10 Squadron working on the site. The gates were finished two days before Remembrance Sunday.

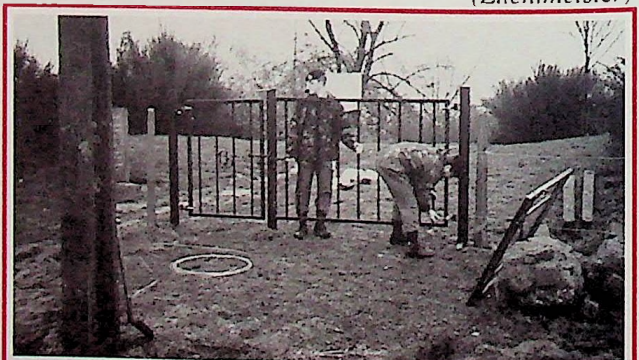
In November the Paderborn Group was formed and its registration has recently been accepted by the Services Development subCommittee. The group is mixed, with some 20 members at this stage, both German and British. That will do for starters, I don't want to spoil the larger article that will follow in a future *Point three*.

The Berlin Group was formed in December, and we are hoping that this will also be ready for registration in the near future. Watch this space.

In January our Berlin staff was involved in food aid to Russians in Smolensk. Our next trip is scheduled for February, and we look forward possibly to making this a project on a longer-term basis, with regular trips to Russia supported by mixed volunteer groups from the UK, Germany and other EC countries.

I think that's about it for now - postcards aren't supposed to ramble on. At least you know we are still alive and pushing forward with Toc H.

Malcolm Lowe  
(Zuchtmeister)



*Sappers of 10 Squadron erect new gates at the Pool of Peace*



## BRANCH NEWS

David Pope, Chairman of **Swindon Branch**, has written to the Magellan Project Office in California in response to their request for the names of notable women to enter into their Venus name bank. He sent the name and details of Miss Macfie and has received a reply saying that her name will be considered by the International Astronomical Union at their meeting in 1994 for identifying a crater on Venus!

At their meeting in January Joyce Beeken reported that Headquarters had formally recognised the **Melton Mowbray Friendship Circle** and has now asked for recognition by the Melton and Charnwood District. This led to relevant questions regarding the relationship between Friendship Circles and Districts and clarification is to be sought from Headquarters.

The **Parkhurst (IOW) Women's Branch** celebrated their 41st Birthday in February when four new members were initiated, writes Pilot Doris Foxworthy. 'Our membership is now 31 and we are an active group. Through our successful fundraising we have been able to contribute to the Family Purse, the Toc H Development Fund and the Khasdobir Action Group, as well as supporting local charities. We strive to keep the Light of Toc H burning brightly on our Island'.

Pat Barter, Chairman of the **Haywain District**, has designed and worked a kneeler for All Hallows. At the top are depicted the main buildings of Tower Hill. In the background is Tower Bridge and the River Thames, with the Tower of London and All Hallows Church in the foreground, plus the Port of London Authority Building. In the top left-hand corner is the Toc H Lamp embroidered in gold.

On one side of the kneeler are the words: Philip Clayton - Tubby - CH. MC. DD. 1885 - 1972. Vicar of this Parish. Founder of Toc H.

The other three sides show the Coat of Arms of London, All Hallows, Poperinge, Ypres and Canterbury and Symbols of St Philip on a royal blue background.

The kneeler was presented and dedicated at All Hallows Church during the Carol Service in December.

Members of **Newcastle-under-Lyme Branch** have begun visiting a small unit of physically and mentally disabled patients. E.C. Hickman writes: 'Two members called before Christmas and were warmly received. Our local branch... gave four patients a Christmas present of a voucher and birthday cards are to be sent as the dates arrive. Another member has visited since Christmas, and magazines have been taken to the 24 men who live in this pleasant, small unit'. Helpers are hoping to take some of the residents on a seaside holiday.

**Walsall Branch** conducted an outstandingly successful recruitment day for blood donors in the Old Square, Walsall, on 1 February. They signed up 147 volunteers in a few hours and stopped only because their supply of enrolment forms had run out.



**Tony Cock**, Secretary for the South East Region and official national Stamp Man of Toc H, is looking for new suppliers. He has appealed to both firms and individuals to send him their used stamps, which will help to raise funds for Toc H and its work. Too many people, he says, throw away their old stamps, thinking they are worthless and not realising that they could be used for a good cause. Used stamps to: Tony Cock, 7 Tournay Close, Lympne, Hythe, Kent CT21 4LL, or call him on Hythe (0303) 269407.



# Up Date

**Margaret McBain**, National Chairman Toc H Zimbabwe writes that on 12 December the Action Group took possession of the minibus, a gift of fellow Toc H members and friends of North Wales and North West Region: 'This will greatly assist our Action Group in Harare with their projects, it will also be used from time to time by other branches. Thank you all for your gift - I can assure you this will be greatly appreciated. Distances out here are great and our transport situation is not easy, as John and Pete who were out here in 1989/1990 will confirm. Their only mode of transport was a bicycle!'



## **Toc H member is guest speaker at The Athenaeum Club.**

The editor received a 'phone call in March from the secretary of The British Association for The Club Of Rome. She was warmly enthusiastic about their recent guest speaker at The Athenaeum Club in London's Pall Mall. The subject of the evening was 'The Responsibilities of Man', and the speaker was discussing Inner City Pressures and Problems. The penny began to drop when she said that 'the charismatic and ebullient character who was so full of life and fun while delivering a very powerful message' was Assistant Curate of St Paul's, High Elswick, Newcastle upon Tyne. It was none other than the Revd David Mayhew, leader of the Cleveland Staff Team.

Well done David! Jan Walsh told me that the speaker who followed you was Dr Alexander King, co-founder of The Club of Rome and co-author of *'The First Global Revolution'*. He had recently been talking to ex-President Gorbachev about some of the issues you raised and he expressed warm appreciation about your incisive comments. *Another first for Toc H!*



**Practical Prevention Weekend.** This project involved six young people (who were at risk of offending) from an estate near Webb House in Middlesbrough, three people currently in prison and a group of volunteers, including a probation officer, an ex-Toc H member and others who had travelled from all over the country. We spent some time making some steps in the country. Our discussions focused on offending behaviour and trying to understand why people break the law. It was an extremely tiring weekend, but in many ways rewarding, as we all faced the challenge of getting on with people who were very different from us. We hope from this weekend to establish a group of interested people in Cleveland to continue with similar work.

**Norah Anderson**

## **Women's National Commission**

A lunchtime meeting for women editors of in-house magazines was held at St Ermin's Hotel, London, on 26 February. Eve Martin, co-chairman, and Olive Braman, press officer, spoke about the WNC, its aims and its achievements. Ruth Boyd represented Toc H at the meeting and was impressed by the volume of material the Commission are currently producing. She came away with an armful of documents, including a report about women returning to work after bringing up their children - a subject very close to her heart!

## **Old for New Writing Paper**

In the last branch mailing, the editor offered to up-date our headed writing paper free of charge for branches who are reluctant to waste their existing stocks. She used the expression 'old for new' but did not intend this to mean literally posting off the out dated paper to HQ!

No proof is needed - we love widely and think fairly in the editorial department!

## **Corrections**

Harry Brier in 'Why Toc H?' (*Point three*, March 1992) was quoted as saying, 'we can be a Movement of committed staff . . . and young people who are also attracted despite what it says in the Main Resolution'. Harry was actually referring to the Resolution made at last Central Council.

In John Mitchell's March article 'Toc H is not Contracting', the last paragraph refers to new circles in 'Melton Mowbray and Sheffield which are not linked to public funding, nor are they organised'. This should read 'nor are they organised by staff'.



# SWEATSHIRTS

Sweatshirts and T-Shirts with a smart Toc H symbol and logo are now available from Headquarters in the following sizes and colours:

Sweatshirts:	Royal Blue	M/L/XL
	Red	M/L/XL
	Navy	M/L/XL
T-Shirts:	Red	M/L/XL
	Black	M/L/XL
	Fuchsia	M/L
	Jade	XL
	Royal Blue	M/L/XL
	White	M/L/XL

Sweatshirts:	£7.00
T-Shirts (loose-cut):	£3.50

## Welcome to 28 New Members

*The following new members were registered during Feb/March*

Ms Adina Boardman, Alec Gage, Miss Andrea Grant,  
Miss Alison C Ray, Miss Loraine Walker, Miss Brenda Ward  
(Avon District)

Simon Hennessey, Michael B O'Brien, Steven J C Fletcher,  
David Marshall, Revd Michael J Stokes, Mrs Patricia M Stokes  
(Central Branch)

Mrs Sheila M Forsyth, Mrs Catherine Wood (Coupar Angus J)

John M Mowatt, William T Summers (Duns M)

Mrs Ann H Harris, David N Harris (Graeme J)

Revd Canon Edward Wynne (Great Harwood M)

Mrs M Barton (Ipswich W)

Mrs Helen M Grabham, Mrs Ruth Milner (Nailsea W)

Mrs Pamela Brooke, Mrs Elizabeth J Collins, Mrs May F Marsh,

Mrs Helen M Spriggs (Parkhurst W)

Mrs Violet B Brooman (Tunbridge Wells East J)

Mrs Barbara Mead (Wolverhampton J)

## Deaths

We regret to announce the death of the following members:

In November — Thomas Jones (Dolgellau)  
Peter W J Laxton (Yiewsley & West Drayton)

In January — Alban Disney (Anstey)  
Jean Grinstead (Tunbridge Wells District)  
Charles H Smart (Melton & Charnwood District)  
Winifred D Taylor (Belfairs)  
William M Buckle (Duns)

In February — L W 'Les' Bister (Biggleswade)  
Albert Cobb (Melton Mowbray)  
J A 'Jack' Clear (Coney Hall)  
Irene M Dane (Gorleston)  
Isa Eccleshall (Southport)  
Dulcie N Elsum (Watford)  
Patricia S Odell (Biggleswade)  
Austin L Wood (Bebington & Bromborough)

## SPECIAL TRIBUTES

Watford Branch sadly report the death of **Dulcie Elsum**, aged 93, a long-standing member of Toc H. She first joined the Movement in the 1930s and was a member of the Harrow Branch and in the 1950s transferred to Watford. She was a very supportive member and held various branch offices. Dulcie's later years were spent in the Abbeyfield Home, Bushey, where she was very happy.

NW

**Jeannie Grinstead**, who died on 11 January, was an active member of Tunbridge Wells Women's Branch (now sadly closed) for many years until ill health prevented her from attending meetings. She maintained a lively interest in Toc H and branch activities by becoming a District Member.

OMR

**Emily Willetts** died on 21 January. She was a loyal member of Netherton Toc H for 46 years and during her years of service held many offices. Her presence is sadly missed by all branch members.

ID

Biggleswade Men's Branch regret to announce the passing of **W.L. (Les) Bister** on 5 February at the age of 83. Les was a long-standing member of

Toc H. He joined Barford Branch when he was 21, then moved to Leamington Spa Branch and on retirement to Biggleswade. His influence and friendship will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

HT

A member of Great Yarmouth Women's Branch and Broadland District Secretary, **Mrs Irene Dane** died on 4 February. Irene was a founder of Gorleston Women's Branch and for almost 50 years was an extremely active, loyal and generous member of Toc H. During the war she did excellent and untiring service in the Forces Canteen at Gorleston. Always interested in charitable work and associated with other organisations, she had a quiet manner which emphasised her efficiency in all her undertakings. She will be greatly missed by many.

CAB

We note with sorrow the death of **Sir Frederick Anthony Hamilton Wills, Lord Dulverton**. Although he was not a member of Toc H, we are indebted to him for the long (21 year) lease of Dor Knap - many members will recall with gratitude the times they spent there - and also for Loch Eil, the Adventure Centre leased from his estate in Inverness-shire.

GD



## POPERINGE IN THE SPRING

6 - 13 May 1992

Leaving Cheadle Hulme (Cheshire) and travelling by coach to Talbot House.

Cost: £225 to include coach travel, accommodation and all meals. Also day trips out during the week.

For further details contact: Mr C Griffiths ('Griff'), 13 Queens Drive, Cheadle Hulme, Cheadle, Cheshire SK8 5DN. Tel: 061 485 2082.

## NATTOC

### Are New Projects for 1992

Why NATTOC? Because they are joint projects between Toc H and the National Trust. They all involve some conservation work - the main focus of the National Trust - a client group and a real challenge in breaking down barriers and group living.

For further information  
or to apply contact:

Lesley Whitaker, 7 Wymering  
Avenue, Oaklands Estate,  
Wednesfield, Wolverhampton  
WV11 2PH.  
Tel: 0902 721854

## AN HONEST TEST

The Revd Bob Knight's delightful and challenging book has been attractively re-designed, and considerably up-dated with new material and an additional chapter.

It is now available from:

Jenny Small in the Editorial  
Department, Toc H Headquarters, 1  
Forest Close, Wendover, Aylesbury,  
Bucks HP22 6BT.

Price £2.00 (incl. p&p)

## FRIENDS' WEEK

For the Friends of Cuddesdon House

★ A few places still available ★

Thursday 11 to Tuesday 16 June

Mornings helping in house and grounds and afternoons at leisure in Oxfordshire.

Enjoy the company of people who support Cuddesdon House.

Leaders Anne Evans and Mary Edwards - Join us for all or part of the time.

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For further information contact: Ms Anne Evans  
29 Newington Way, Craven Arms  
Shropshire SY7 9PS. Tel: 0588 673273

Booking to include £25 deposit.

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Christian Fellowship Friendship, Dept 23B,  
Edenthorpe, Doncaster DN3 2QD

## CUDDESDON HOUSE HOLIDAY WEEKS 1992

### EXPLORING OXFORDSHIRE

Saturday 18 to Friday 24 July - Leaders Barbara and  
Ken Prideaux-Brune and Christine Bostock

Saturday 22 to Friday 28 August

Leaders Daphne Dawes and Mary and John Edwards

A variety of options available to suit your energies and interests including: walking in the area, a river trip, visits to surrounding villages, visits to gardens and stately homes, visits to places of interest in Oxford City, sampling hostelryes!

Cost for either holiday week £160 to include full board and daily transport.

For further information on the 'July Week' contact:

Mr Ken Prideaux-Brune  
65 Station Road  
Amersham, Bucks HP7 0BB  
Tel: 0494 433871

and on the 'August Week':

Miss Daphne Dawes  
338 Bath Road  
Saltford, Bristol BS18 1TQ  
Tel: 0225 873022

Booking for  
either week to  
include £50  
deposit.

## WILLS AND LEGACIES

Additional copies of this booklet, produced last year and updated with the latest Budget information, are available to any members who would like extra copies for their families or friends.

Please write to: Ian Pearce, Toc H, 1 Forest Close,  
Wendover, Aylesbury, Bucks HP22 6BT

## SOLITAIRE - FRIENDS INDEED

Retired Single Women Against Loneliness

An organisation which aims to alleviate the loneliness often experienced by mature, single women.

For further details contact: Mrs J Davis,  
Solitaire - Friends Indeed, 17 St Patricks Road,  
Deal, Kent CT14 6AW

## Small Ads

Small advertisements must be received (with remittance) five weeks before publication day, which is the 23rd of the preceding month. The charge is 10p a word (minimum £1) plus VAT, to Point three Magazine. Rates of display advertisements can be obtained from the Editorial Office, Toc H Headquarters, 1 Forest Close, Wendover, Aylesbury, Bucks HP22 6BT.

Hythe, Kent - homely accommodation in members home. Bed/breakfast and/or evening meal or full board, very reasonable rates. Enquire Nesta Cock, 7 Tournay Close, Lympe, Hythe, Kent CT12 4LL. Tel: 0303 269407